



**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS  
Executive Board Meeting  
May 12, 2022 \* 10:00 a.m.  
Lewiston, ME**

## **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Karen Scammon, President; Darryl McKenney, Vice President; Judy Mathiau, Past-President; Clint Swett, Treasurer and Members Natalie Andrews, Nick Cloutier, Joe St. Peter & Clint

**Members Absent:** Julie Ethridge, Secretary; Brent Martin, Caitlin Thompson and Kerry Leichtman

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am

**Secretary's Report:** Clint moved to accept the minutes of April 22, 2022, as written. Natalie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy moved to accept the treasurer's report. Darryl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Education:** Nick will speak about the June Chapter Meeting under Old Business. He also said that he plans to attend the CMAAO Planning Meeting this Thursday in order to review their future educational sessions.
- **Legislative:** Session has ended, and assessors will have to incorporate a few new laws. 3% additional homestead reimbursement this year; Dark Store bill, Farmland Penalty will be the same as tree growth and open space; second dwelling on a parcel with less restrictions. Kerry submitted correspondence regarding the seriousness of the SBPTR – a two year administrative position has been approved and that person will organize the panels, the cases and conduct overview. Kerry also said that there are 3 assessor panel positions to be filled. He is one of the three.
- **Membership:** No Report.
- **Audit:** No Report
- **Nominating:** No Report
- **Communications:** Judy suggested that in the future we should be directing the membership to our website to open new documents such as the newsletter. The last newsletter was too big for some members to open, but also, providing a link to the document would get more people directed to our website as well. The second newsletter should be completed before the end of June.

### Sub-Committee Reports

- **History:** Darryl reported that Richard Main passed away in February of this year. This should be included in the next newsletter.
- **IAAO Representatives:** No Report
- **Website Renewal** – newly formed sub-committee at the April Board meeting. The Board discussed options for creating an updated website. A suggestion was made to appoint committee members, send a survey to our members and research web site developers. Discussion centered around the possibility of finding someone through a college or high school. Judy said that the last website was created by Colby College, and she suggested that this time, we hire a professional web site developer. The Board agreed to further research and come back with ideas.

### Old Business

- **Spring Meeting:** Nick handed out a summary of the proposed outline for the meeting, which will be held June 9<sup>th</sup>. See attached. This meeting will be focused on “Certifying Less than 100%”. A panel was suggested to end the session, to answer questions from the attendees.

This will be a virtual meeting, beginning at nine and ending at noon. Member fee \$10 and non-members \$20. A survey will be done as in the past and a winner will be picked for a \$25 AMAZON Card. Speakers will receive a \$50 card.

Karen will contact Julie to send out a “SAVE the DATE” to include the date of the session and the subject matter. This will be followed up with a registration form as soon as possible.

- **Boston Conference 2022:** Kerry contacted Bill Mitchell, the local host Organizer, as to why we had not been included or notified of the status of the event planning. Bill told Kerry that they were all set but would like to recruit 5 Maine attendees to volunteer at the Conference and they would receive a \$150 discount on the registration.

Kerry put names of the Maine attendees into a bag and drew 5 – Caitlin Thompson, Molly Bennett, Joe St. Peter, Lauren Asselin and Clint Swett.

- **Public Administration** – Judy spoke with the guidance counselor from Skowhegan for information and ideas as to the best options for reaching out to high school students. There are apprenticeships provided by local businesses through the *Somerset Career & Technical Center*, and there are also several events sponsored by the *University of Maine Career Center*. Certain businesses and organizations sign up to provide an opportunity for folks to attend virtually or in person to learn more about a trade.

Karen said she will contact local schools to research what they have to offer.

Nick suggested a basic utube video to present a career in assessing, which could be distributed and provided as a link on our website.

- **PTI Update:** Andrea Lubejko, former Chief of Training and Education at MRS, has left and moved west. Her vacancy has left a void at MRS and it is unclear as to who we should contact at this time. PTI will be virtual and is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, *Highest and Best Use*.

#### **New Business**

Clint moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Joe seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mathiau, Past President